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EN ROUTE PEARL HARBOR TO S.F. FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.))ss

[JOHN F. BROWNER,] 2914 (J.F.B.) Leavenworth Street, San Francisco,  
California, deposes and says:

While interned at Footung Civil Assembly Center, Shanghai, China,  
after my apprehension by the Japanese as a member of the crew of the SS  
President Harrison, I was placed in the position of camp meat inspector  
and butcher. This assignment began on 31 Jan-(J.F.B.)uary 1943 and con-  
tinued until liberation of the camp was effected on 16 August 1945. My  
qualifications for the work were the result of experience as second  
butcher on the SS President Harrison.

From 31 January 1943 to February of 1944, internees at Footung  
were allowed 220 kilos of meat or fish per day for the entire group of  
internees consisting of approximately 1090 persons. In addition to the  
meat mentioned above the camp was allowed 420 (J.F.B.) kilos of vegetables  
per day and from 160 to 65 kilos of rice. These (J.F.B.) figures do not  
indicate the actual amount of food made available to the internees, however,  
because the meat, which was always water buffalo or a poor grade of pork,  
had a loss from trim which ran approximately 40 percent. Similarly, the  
vegetables, which were third or fourth grade, were of a type which had a  
loss in preparation of about 40 percent.

In February of 1944 the meat and vegetable rations (J.F.B.) described  
above were cut by 10 percent and the quality did not improve. In April of  
the same year there was another cut of 10 percent and in August of 1944  
there was a final cut of 15 percent. It is thus apparent that our initial  
ration of meat and vegetables was cut by 35 percent in less than a year  
and a half. This reduction in rations was made even more serious by  
reason of the fact that from January of 1945 to April 1945 we received no  
rice from the Japanese and very little assistance from the Red Cross.

I do not know who was responsible for the above described re-  
ductions in food rations at Footung Civil Assembly Center and have no  
further information which should be included in this statement.

/s/ John Frederick Browner  
John F. Browner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of October 1945.

/s/ Victor A. Tresk  
VICTOR A. TRESK  
Major, Inf.  
Summary Court Officer

Interviewed by: John J. La Fianza, Jr., SIO

.. TRUE COPY:

/s/ [Signature]  
[Signature]  
Captain, Signal Corps

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「ジョン・エフ・アロナー」

汽船「レジデント・ハリス」号乗組員、(員トシテ)日春亭ニヨル逮捕後中國、上海、浦東一般入集中營ニ抑留中私、収容所、肉、監督及び屠夫、地位ニ就カセラル。コ、佐命ハ一九四三年一月三十一日カテ始メリ同収容所ハ一九四五年八月十六日ニ解放セル迄續イタ。ナ、仕事ニ対スル私資格ハ汽船「レジデント・ハリス」号、二年屠夫トシテ、経験、結果デアツタ。

一九四三年一月三十一日カテ一九四四年、二月マデ、浦東、収容者ハ約一千九百名、全員ニ付一日ニ付十肉又、魚二百斤施サ午ヘラシタ。前記肉、外ニ、収容所ハ一日野菜四百斤、穀米百六十乃至六十五斤ヲ午ヘラシタ。然レテカリコレ等、數字ハ収容者、利用シ得ル實際、食物量ヲ示サハ「サイレント」云々ハ、肉ハ「イソ」モ水牛又ハ下等、豚肉、カテ、約四割ニ及ブ屠ガ出タカラテス。同様ニ「サイレント」モ「サイ」級ノモノテ、調理中ニ約四割ノ屠、出ル程屠品デアツタ。一九四四年二月ニ前記ノ肉ト野菜、屠、肉ハ一割減シ「サイ」ノ所買エ良クナラナカッタ。同年四月ニ「サイ」ハ一割減シ「サイ」一九四四年八月ニ最後ニ一割五分減シ「サイ」最初、肉ト野菜、屠、肉ハ一年半「サイ」ハ一割五分減シ「サイ」エト明カテル。コノ食料削減減ハ一九四五年一月カテ一九四五年四月マデ銭々ハ同本庫カテ「サイ」モ受テ取ラス又赤十字社「サイ」モ「サイ」モ受テナカッタ事實ニ依ツテ更ニ一屠重大「サイ」トナツタ。

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